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SUBJECT: ORANGE ORDER FINDS BRITISH MOSTLY INNOCENT OF WITHDRAWAL

1. COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATORS FROM BELFAST COUNTY GRAND LODGE ORANGE ORDER HAS REPORTED RESULTS OF INQUIRY EXTENDING OVER SOME MONTHS INTO QUESTION OF WHETHER BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS IN PROCESS OF DISENGAGING FROM NORTHERN IRELAND. COMMITTEE DECIDED IT WAS NOT.

2. SIX-MAN COMMITTEE APPARENTLY DID THOROUGH JOB, INTERVIEWING SURPRISING RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS FROM PADDY DEVLIN TO ERNEST BAIRD AND INCLUDING ENGLISH MPS. CONSENSUS WAS THAT ONLY IN INDUSTRIAL AREA (AND IN THAT BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC FACTORS) WAS THERE CONTRACTION BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN ULSTER. HOWEVER COMMITTEE WAS TROUBLED BY INFORMATION PROVIDED THEM BY DEVLIN AND OTHERS THAT "OFFICIALS" WERE LINKED WITH LOYALIST CALL FOR NEGOTIATED INDEPENDENCE. THESE OFFICIALS WERE DESCRIBED AS TWO MEN FROM "CRAIGAVAD OFFICE" AND "SECONDED FROM FOREIGN OFFICE." ANOTHER CONCERN WAS THAT DEVOLUTIONISTS, THOSE REJECTING ".....PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT BY PARLIAMENT OF UK" WERE SOWING SEEDS OF ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.SPICER

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